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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. TAUSCHER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 10, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ELLEN O. TAUSCHER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Major Matthew P. Franke, Chaplain, United States Air Force, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, Your word reminds each of us not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought because,

"We each have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is . . . service, let him serve; if teaching, let him teach; if encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently."

Lord, You have graced those who step foot in this Chamber today with leadership and the ability to govern. Enable them to "govern diligently."

Help each of us not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought. Instead, grant us the perspective to see our unique talents and abilities as Your unique gifts, given to serve those around us.

Bless our Nation and our service this day.

I ask this in the name of my Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SOLIS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING MAJOR MATTHEW P. FRANKE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. INGLIS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize and welcome Major Matthew P. Franke as a chaplain who serves God and country with devotion, dedication, and honor.

Among his stations over his 14-year military career, he provided pastoral ministry and counseling across Iraq and Kuwait to more than 600 members of the Air Force serving with Army and Marine units in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom at Balad, Iraq.

He currently works in our office, the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina, where he serves with distinction as a legislative liaison fellow, and we are privileged to have gotten to know him over the course of this year.

His family continues to live in Wyoming. He and his wife Martha have three sons, Micah, Joshua, and Jacob,

and a particularly beautiful daughter, Rachel.

We very much appreciate his service in the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 further 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

GREEN JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, there are many signs that our Nation's economy is struggling. However, the renewable energy and energy-efficiency sectors, you need to know, are booming. In 2006, the renewable energy and energy-efficiency sector generated 8.5 million jobs, nearly \$1 trillion of revenue in the United States.

Jobs in these sectors are good paying, high-quality jobs that will stay in the United States. The Green Collar Jobs Act which was passed and signed into law by President Bush in 2007 will help train 10 million new workers.

Through this program, we can help provide incentives to underserved communities. In a time of economic turmoil marked by rising gasoline prices and even higher profits for oil companies, it is important that we support these sectors of our growing economy.

I urge Members of Congress to please support the Green Jobs program and incentivize those individuals who are seeking reform and new investments in our economy.

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